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SUBJECT: WEST EUROPE BUREAU SURVEY

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1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES STATE OF PLAY AT CONCLUSION OF THE SURVEY C/ESG AND I HAVE MADE. EXPLORATORY TALKS WERE HELD WITH EMBASSY, IISIS/VOA, [REDACTED] IN BONN, STUTTGART AND MUNICH. ALL THOSE WE TALKED WITH WERE EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND SUPPORTIVE.

2. OWING TO THE PROTOCOL DIFFICULTIES OF DEALING WITH THE MILITARY, THE SOLE CONTACT WAS WITH THE FACILITIES ENGINEER IN STUTTGART. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION HE PROVIDED, WE WERE ABLE TO RULE THAT AREA OUT. THROUGH A FORMAL APPROACH TO THE TWO SERVICES, AS I SUGGESTED IN PREVIOUS CABLE, BELIEVE WE MUST GO AS FAR AS WE POSSIBLY CAN TO ESTABLISH FIRMLY WHAT CAN BE DONE THROUGH A MILITARY AFFILIATION AS THE PROBLEM BOILS DOWN TO LAND, I.E., HOW CAN IT BE ACQUIRED AND AT WHAT COST? ALL THE OTHER ISSUES, EVEN DEALING WITH THE BUNDESPOST IN THE ACQUISITION OF DISHES AND THEIR OPERATION, SEEM WORKABLE.

3. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOUSE, WE SKETCHED OUT OUR NOTION OF A CONSULAR AFFILIATION TO THE DCM IN BONN. HE WAS QUITE RECEPTIVE, ASKED THE KEY QUESTIONS, AND STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE PROJECT WAS "DO-ABLE", WITH THE USUAL HURDLES TO BE JUMPED. WE ADVISED HIM WE WOULD EXPECT TO MAKE A FIRM PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN ABOUT 60 DAYS. THE CHANNELS TO TAKE TO APPROACH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD, HE SAID, BE CONSIDERED WHEN THEY RECEIVED THE PROPOSAL. THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO, OF COURSE, LOOK AT THEIR CAPACITY TO SUPPORT US IN GERMANY. WE PITCHED THE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS AS BEING LOW, MOSTLY B&F SERVICES.

4. AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS CABLE, MUNICH IS THE OBVIOUS

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CHOICE FOR A CONSULAR AFFILIATION. WE ASSUME THAT THE BUNDESPOST'S CHOICE OF RAISTING, SOUTHWEST OF MUNICH ABOUT 55KM, FOR ITS PRINCIPAL GROUND STATION, INDICATES THAT IT IS AN OPTIMUM AREA FOR RECEPTION. MUNICH ITSELF IS AN EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE AREA FOR THE GERMAN TECHNICAL AND LINGUISTIC TALENTS WE WOULD HAVE TO HIRE AND FOR THE AMERICAN STAFF HAS AN EXCELLENT SCHOOL SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, GOOD HOUSING (AT A PRICE), A REASONABLE COST OF LIVING, GOOD PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND AN ABUNDANCE OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES.

5. ONCE THE ROUTE WE WISH TO PURSUE IS DECIDED AND GERMAN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL IN PRINCIPAL IS RECEIVED, TALKS MUST BEGIN WITH THE BUNDESPOST, WHICH HAS A DECIDEDLY SPLIT PERSONALITY. C/ESG CAN BRIEF YOU ON THE DETAILS, BUT I THINK THE BEST SUMMARY OF THAT SITUATION WAS PROVIDED TODAY BY THE STATE COMMUNICATIONS PEOPLE WHOM WE TALKED WITH. IT WAS THEIR VIEW THAT THE BUNDESPOST WAS QUITE A REASONABLE OUTFIT TO DEAL WITH, WAS EAGER TO DO BUSINESS, AND WAS VERY HELPFUL, PROVIDED RPT PROVIDED YOU PLAYED BY THEIR RULES. WHILE THE BUNDESPOST BY LAW MUST OWN, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ALL SATELLITE EARTH TERMINALS (INCLUDING RECEIVE-ONLY ONES) THE STATE COMMUNICATORS FELT THEY WERE QUITE FLEXIBLE AS TO THE TYPE OF CONTROL REQUIRED. ONE THING WAS CLEAR, EVEN IF WE GO ON TO A MILITARY BASE, WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BUNDESPOST. ARMED FORCES RADIO/TV, FOR EXAMPLE, MUST TAKE ITS COMMUNICATIONS FROM THEM. WE COULD NOT, I BELIEVE, ARGUE FOR ANY KIND OF EXEMPTION.

6. C/ESG WILL BRIEF YOU FULLY FROM DRAFT TRIP REPORT UPON HIS RETURN TO DUTY AT HQS NEXT TUESDAY. IT HAS BEEN A VERY PROFITABLE TRIP, I THINK, IN TERMS OF GETTING THE PROBLEMS IN THIS VENTURE OUT IN THE OPEN.

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